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NOTES ON THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON FOR AUGUST 9.

David and Goliath.

(1 Samuel 17:38-49.)

Golden Text: If God be for us, who can be against us. (Romans 8:31.)

In order to a full understanding of the lesson before us the whole of the seventeenth chapter of the First Book of Samuel should be read. The early part of the chapter tells us of the gathering of the Philistine army against Saul. We see the host of Israel assembled to resist the Philistine invasion. The two armies face each other on opposite mountains with a valley between them. Each army occupies an advantageous position, but both of them hesitate to cross the intervening valley and begin the assault. Meanwhile Goliath, the huge Philistine giant, daily parades before Israel's army and dares any one to come and fight him in single combat.

David's three eldest brothers are in Israel's host, and David is sent by his father Jesse to carry them some provisions. While performing this errand David hears of Goliath, and stirred by the shameful plight of his countrymen, offers himself to fight the Philistine champion.

Useless Armour.—Saul who at first was unwilling to allow such a strippling as David to attack Goliath, at length consents and offers his coat of armour to the brave youth. But for David it is worse than useless, and in courteous terms he declines it, and proceeds armed only with the simple arms which he was accustomed to use in his shepherd life.

Efficient Weapons.—With a staff in his hands and his sling in his hand five smooth stones out of the brook, in his shepherd's bag, David was fully equipped to meet his giant foe. The dexterity which is attained by the shepherds of Palestine in the use of the sling is one of the striking features of Eastern life. David seems to have been an adept in the use of this weapon, and now the skill with which he had formerly defended his father's flocks from the attacks of a loin and a bear finds opportunity for service in the defense of his country.

The Secret of David's Courage.—David's confidence was in marked contrast to the boastful spirit of the giant whom he opposed. Goliath came to the combat, full of arrogant self-assertion, and relying upon his superior physical strength for victory.

David went forward, knowing full well his skill with the sling, yet not depending upon this alone, but trusting rather in the God of Israel to

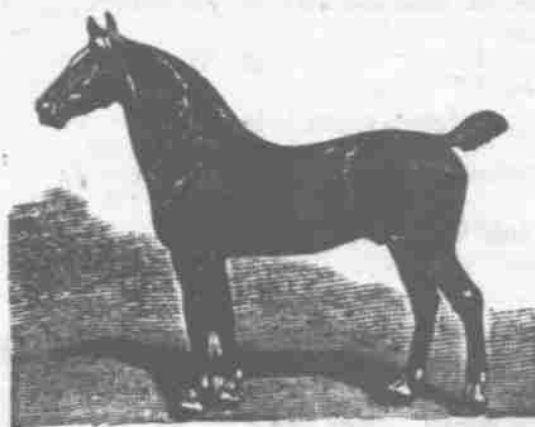
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give him victory. With Goliath there was simply bold self-assertion. With David there was a calm reliance upon his unseen God which led him to predict the defeat of his antagonist before a blow was struck.

The Fall of a Giant.—The story of Goliath's fall is familiar to us all. Checked in his onward rush by the stone from David's sling which found, perhaps, the one vulnerable spot in his armor, the giant falls headlong, and soon his head is cut off, and the Philistines, seeing their champion dead, rush backward in ignoble flight. Saul's army immediately follow up this advantage, and thus a mighty victory is won.

The Symbolism of Our Lesson.—This incident of David's victory over Goliath may well serve as the symbol of the victory of Christianity over the forces of evil. Goliath represents the world with all its power for evil, while David represents the Church of Christ, which, if faithful to the trust committed to its care, will, in the end, win as glorious a victory over all the hosts of evil as did David when he slew Goliath.



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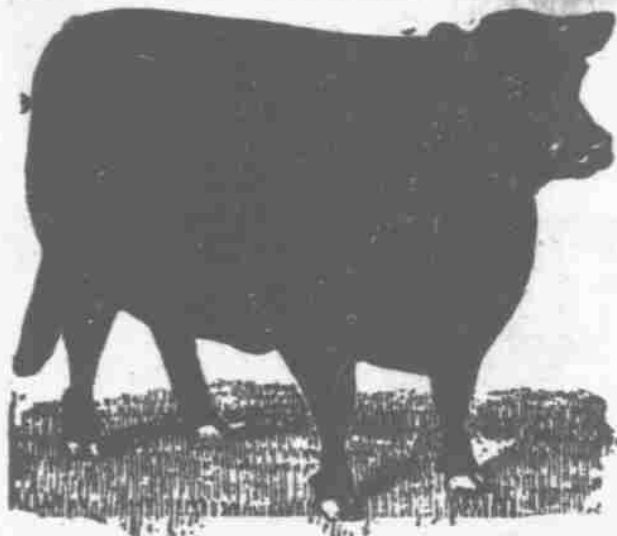
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CONDITION DECEMBER 31, 1902, AS SHOWN BY STATEMENT FILED.

Amount net Ledger Assets December 31 of previous year.	\$ 428,073.61
Income—From Policy-holders, \$889,838.48; Miscellaneous, \$13,588.72; Total.	903,427.20
Disbursements—To Policy-holders, \$470,819.96; Miscellaneous, \$151,317.11; Total.	622,137.07
Business in force—Number of Policies, 89,579;	78,029 791.08
Written during year—Number of Policies, 18,754; Amount.	13,217,500.00
Losses—At beginning of year, \$40,550.00; Incurred, \$509,939.47; Paid.	483,489.47

ASSETS.

Value of Stocks and Bonds (United States, State, etc., owned).	\$ 476,656.2
Interest and Rents due and accrued.	3,770.00
Cash in Home Office and deposited in Banks.	252,707.46
Per Capita Tax actually collected and held by Subordinate Bodies.	6,000.00
All other Assets, detailed in statement.	15,277.58

Total.	\$ 784,411.32
Less assets, not admitted.	15,277.58
Total admitted assets.	\$ 719,133.74

LIABILITIES.

Losses in Process of Adjustment or Reported.	\$ 62,000.00
Losses Adjusted and unpaid.	51.00
Losses Resisted.	5,000.00
Salaries, Accounts and Bills, due and accrued.	16,629.57
All other Liabilities as detailed in statement.	7,150.00

Total Liabilities as to Policy-holders.	\$ 90,829.57
Balance on hand to protect contract in addition to right assessment, under following funds:	
Emergency.	\$620,454.28
Expense.	7,849.89
	\$ 628,304.17

No Business in North Carolina in 1902

President, Mrs. Lillian M. Hollister.
Secretary, Miss Nina M. West.
Home Office, Maccabee Temple, Port Huron, Michigan.
General Agent for service, Insurance Commissioner, Raleigh, N. C.
Business Manager or Organizer for North Carolina, Managed from Home Office.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,
INSURANCE DEPARTMENT,
RALEIGH, July 15, 1903.

I, JAMES R. YOUNG, Insurance Commissioner, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct abstract of the statement of the Ladies of the Maccabees of the World, a Fraternal Order, of Port Huron, Michigan, filed with this Department, showing the condition of said Company, on the 31st day of December, 1902.

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